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SECOND NIGHT LEAD DISARMAMENT
BY A. I. GOLDBERG

MOSCOW, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION ANNOUNCED TONIGHT ITS ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR RESUMING EAST-WEST DISARMEMENT TALKS IN GENEVA MARCH 15.

THE TASS NEWS AGENCY SAID A RUSSIAN REMINDER NOTE HANDED TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR MAURICE DEJEAN IN MOSCOW STATED THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS READY TO ATTEND THE PROPOSED MEETING OF THE 10-NATION DISARMAMENT COMMISSION SPONSORED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE NOTE SAID BULGARIA, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND ROMANIA WILL ALSO ATTEND.

SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALERIAN ZORIN HANDED THE NOTE TO DEJEAN IN REPLY TO A DEC. 22 FRENCH MEMORANDUM CONTAINING THE WESTERN PROPOSAL WORKED OUT IN PARIS DEC. 21 BY THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

THE MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST IN 2 1/2 YEARS AND WILL GIVE THE COMMUNIST NATIONS NUMERICAL EQUALITY AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE RUSSIANS HAVE DEMANDED PARITY SINCE FIVE-POWER TALKS COLLAPSED IN LONDON.

IN LONDON, THE RUSSIANS INSISTED THAT THE CARDS WERE STACKED AGAINST THEM, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, FRANCE AND BRITAIN SEATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE.

IN THIS NEW START AT TRYING TO SOLVE ONE OF THE MAJOR SOURCES OF EAST-WEST TENSION, THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE JOINED BY BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND ROMANIA. ITALY HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE WEST'S TEAM OF NEGOTIATORS.

WHILE THE ISSUE OF EQUALITY HAS BEEN SETTLED, BROADER AND MORE PROFOUND ISSUES REMAIN. THE MOST STUBBORN IS THE QUESTION OF CONTROLS TO MAKE CERTAIN DISARMAMENT COMMITMENTS ARE CARRIED OUT.

THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE VARIOUS DISARMAMENT PLANS BEFORE IT, TURNED OVER BY THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV'S PROPOSAL FOR TOTAL DISARMAMENT WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

IN HIS DISARMAMENT SPEECH BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS LAST FALL, KHRUSHCHEV SOUGHT TO ALLAY WESTERN SUSPICIONS THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL NOT ALLOW STRICT CONTROLS.

KHRUSHCHEV SAID THERE WOULD BE "AN APPROPRIATE STAGE OF CONTROL" IN EACH STAGE OF DISARMAMENT AND FOREIGN INSPECTORS WOULD REMAIN IN EACH COUNTRY AFTER DISARMAMENT WAS COMPLETED.

THE UNITED STATES OBJECTED TO THE KHRUSHCHEV PLAN AS TOO VAGUE ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUE OF CONTROLS. WASHINGTON IS DRAFTING A DISARMAMENT PLAN OF ITS OWN TO LAY BEFORE THE GENEVA MEETING.

THE BRITISH HAVE A PLAN FOR DISARMAMENT BY STAGES, BUT IT FAILS TO MEET FRENCH OBJECTIONS. THE BRITISH MAKE NO PROVISION FOR SETTLING EAST-WEST POLITICAL ISSUES BEFORE AGREEING TO DISARM.

THE FRENCH INSIST THAT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT MUST BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD DISARMAMENT.

THE LAST DISARMAMENT TALKS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE FIVE POWERS AS A U.N. SUBCOMMITTEE THEY WERE BROKEN OFF IN LONDON IN SEPTEMBER OF 1957.

SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS ATTEMPTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS TO GET THEM GOING AGAIN.

FINALLY, THE U.S., BRITISH, FRENCH AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED IN GENEVA SEPT.7 TO FORM THE 10-NATION COMMITTEE UNDER U.N. AUSPICES. THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS MET IN PARIS DEC.21 AND PROPOSED GENEVA AND THE MARCH 15 DATE FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COMMITTEE.

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NIGHT LEAD NATO
BY GODFREY ANDERSON

PARIS, DEC.28 (AP)-FRANCE'S CONCERN OVER WHO WOULD PULL THE ALLIED TRIGGER IN EVENT OF WAR IS AT THE BOTTOM OF HER DIFFERENCES WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NATO ALLIES, FOREIGN MINISTER MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE SAID TODAY.

COUVE DE MURVILLE SPOKE AT THE START OF A ONE-DAY FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID THAT A SOLUTION FOR THE AIR INTEGRATION PROBLEM HAD BEEN FOUND IN BRITAIN, BUT ADDED:

"THE SOLUTION FOR FRANCE IS LESS EASY BECAUSE OF HER GEOGRAPHIC POSITION. I HOPE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMING MONTHS WILL PERMIT US TO REACH ONE."

BUT A FINAL POINT IN WHAT COULD BE CALLED THE FRENCH ARGUMENT ON DEFENSE IS THE PROBLEM OF STOCKPILING ATOMIC DEVICES IN FRANCE, HE SAID. OF THIS HE SAID:

"IT CONSISTS OF THE AUTHORIZATION ASKED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BUILD UP, AT SOME POINT ON OUR TERRITORY, STORES OF NUCLEAR BOMBS TO ARM, IF NECESSARY, CERTAIN AMERICAN AIR UNITS STATIONED IN FRANCE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ACCEPTED THIS REQUEST, SINCE IN REALITY, IT INVOLVES THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBLE STARTING OF A NUCLEAR WAR, ABOUT WHICH NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED."

HE SPELLED OUT IN GREATER DETAIL THAN EVER BEFORE THE HEART OF PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE'S YEAR-OLD DIFFERENCES WITH HIS NATO PARTNERS, INVOLVING MAINLY THE INTEGRATION OF AIR DEFENSE AND THE STORING OF NUCLEAR BOMBS ON FRENCH SOIL.

THE PLAN FOR PUTTING NATIONAL AIR FORCES UNDER AN INTEGRATED COMMAND--WHICH HE CALLED "THE QUARREL OVER AIR DEFENSE"--RAISED GREAT DIFFICULTIES FOR FRANCE, COUVE DE MURVILLE EXPLAINED.

HE SAID:

"TO GIVE, OVER THE WHOLE OF FRENCH TERRITORY, IN PEACE AS IN WAR, AUTHORITY--THAT IS TO SAY IN PARTICULAR THE RIGHT TO OPEN FIRE--TO A COMMANDER IN CHIEF WHO IS NOT DIRECTLY UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT...POSES A PROBLEM WHOSE GRAVITY I ASK THE ASSEMBLY TO UNDERSTAND."

THE PRESENT EUROPEAN NATO COMMANDER IN CHIEF IS U.S. GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD, WHO HAS HEADQUARTERS A FEW MILES OUTSIDE PARIS.

EXPLAINING WHY FRANCE HAD NOT AGREED TO THE AMERICAN REQUEST TO STORE ATOM BOMBS IN FRANCE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID:

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ACCEPTED THIS REQUEST, SINCE, IN REALITY, IT INVOLVES THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBLE STARTING OF A NUCLEAR WAR, ABOUT WHICH NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED."

AMERICAN REACTION TO DE GAULLE'S DECISION HAS BEEN TO WITHDRAW NUCLEAR-AGE JET SQUADRONS FROM FRENCH BASES TO FIELDS IN BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY WHERE THEY CAN BE NEARER THEIR BOMB SUPPLY.

EVEN AS COUVE DE MURVILLE ADDRESSED THE ASSEMBLY, WORD CAME FROM CHAUMONT BASE IN EASTERN FRANCE THAT THE U.S. AIR FORCE'S 48TH WING OF JET FIGHTER-BOMBERS WILL START TO ENGLAND JAN.6, THUS COMPLETING THE WITHDRAWAL.

COUVE DE MURVILLE SAID TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COORDINATION OF WARNING SYSTEMS FOR SIGHTING ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND GIVING WESTERN EUROPE THE ALERT DO NOT RAISE OBJECTIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE.

"WE ARE READY TO ENVISAGE THEM," HE SAID.

FRANCE'S WITHDRAWAL OF PART OF ITS MEDITERRANEAN FLEET FROM NATO COMMAND WAS NECESSITATED, HE ADDED, BY THE NEED TO KEEP CONTACT WITH FRENCH FORCES IN AFRICA IN THE EVENT OF WAR.

BUT THE CHANGE, HE CLAIMED, IS THE ONLY ONE FRANCE ENVISAGED IN NATO'S PRESENT DEFENSE ORGANIZATION.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD THE ASSEMBLY THAT THE NATO PROBLEMS WERE "ALL SERIOUS, SOME EVEN GRAVE, FROM THE FRENCH POINT OF VIEW."

"BUT I BELIEVE...NONE OF THEM IS OF A NATURE TO COMPROMISE, NOR EVEN WEAKEN IN ANY NOTABLE DEGREE, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE," HE WENT ON. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED A SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND FOR ALL OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES.

HE PROMISED FRANCE WILL RECONSIDER ITS AHRE OF DEFENDING THE CONTINENT AFTER FIGHTING WITH ALGERIAN REBELS IS ENDED.

WELCOMING THE GENERAL EASING OF TENSION AT THE APPROACH OF THE EAST-WEST SUMMIT CONFERENCE, COUVE DE MURVILLE SAID:

"THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE REMAINS AS NECESSARY AS EVER, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE. A BALANCE OF FORCES IS TODAY, GENERALLY SPEAKING, REALIZED BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION, BEFORE OR AFTER THE ANNOUNCED TALKS, OF BREAKING IT TO OUR DETRIMENT."

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CHAUMONT, FRANCE, DEC. 28 (AP)-JET FIGHTER-BOMBERS OF THE 48th WING OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE WILL START LEAVING THE CHAUMONT BASE JAN. 6, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID TODAY.

THE PLANES WILL BE MOVED TO LAKENHEATH, ENGLAND. THEIR REMOVAL WILL COMPLETE THE WITHDRAWL OF THREE U.S. WINGS FROM FRANCE. THE MOVE WAS DECIDED ON BECAUSE OF FRANCE'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT STOCKPILING OF ATOMIC WEAPONS ON ITS TERRITORY.

THE MOVE OF ABOUT 75 PLANES AND 1,000 MEN IN EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS.

THE WINGS WHICH PREVIOUSLY OPERATED FROM THE ETAIN AND TOUL BASES HAVE MOVED TO BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

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NORFOLK, VA., DEC. 28 (AP)-BRITAIN'S VICE ADM.CHARLES L.G. EVANS WILL TAKE OVER NEXT APRIL AS NATO'S DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER FOR THE ATLANTIC.

EVANS, CURRENTLY FLAG OFFICER FOR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OF THE ROYAL NAVY, WILL SUCCEED VICE ADM.W.J.W.WOODS, ALSO OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE OF WOODS' NEXT ASSIGNMENT. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN THE ATLANTIC SINCE JANUARY, 1958.

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NIGHT LEAD SUMMIT

BY GARVEN HUDGINS

LONDON, DEC.28 (AP)-THE WESTERN ALLIES ARE EXPECTED TO SUGGEST TO MOSCOW WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS THAT THE EAST-WEST SUMMIT MEETING BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 16-21, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORTED TODAY.

BRITISH DIPLOMATS SAID THE ALLIES ARE LEANING TOWARD MAY 16 AS A PROBABLE STARTING DATE BECAUSE IT IS EXPECTED TO FIT EVERYBODY'S SCHEDULE.

IN PARIS, THE NEWSPAPER FRANCE-SOIR, QUOTING WELL-INFORMED SOURCES, SAID THE DATE WILL BE MAY 16.

AND IN AUGUSTA, GA., WHERE HE IS ON VACATION AFTER HIS 11-NATION GOODWILL TOUR, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER DECIDED A MID-MAY SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN PARIS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO THE UNITED STATES.

BRITISH DIPLOMATS SAID BRITAIN WILL FALL IN WITH A MID-MAY MEETING DESPITE PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN'S REPORTED PREFERENCE FOR A MAY 4 STARTING DATE.

RESPONSIBLE SOURCES SAID MACMILLAN FAVORED THIS DATE--SUGGESTED BY SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA S.KHRUSHCHEV AS ONE ALTERNATIVE TO THE ORIGINAL WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR AN APRIL 27 SUMMIT--EVEN THOUGH IT CONFLICTS WITH PLANS FOR A COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS' MEETING IN LONDON MAY 3-14.

BRITISH SOURCES SAID THE PRIME MINISTERS COULD HAVE POSTPONED THEIR MEETING TO GIVE MACMILLAN A CHANCE TO REPORT FIRST HAND TO THEM ON THE SUMMIT SESSION.

KHRUSHCHEV, IN HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR A PARIS PARLEY AS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SUMMITS, ALSO SUGGESTED APRIL 21 AS AN ALTERNATIVE DATE. BUT THIS WOULD CONFLICT WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE'S STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

BRITISH DIPLOMATS SAID THE STARTING DATE FOR A SUMMIT MAY COME AS LATE AS MAY 18 OR 19 AND THIS STILL IS UNDER STUDY IN THE BIG THREE WESTERN CAPITALS.

BUT,RESPONSIBLE SOURCES ADDED, BRITAIN'S AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS--SIR HAROLD CACCIA AND SIR GLADWYN JEBB--HAD BEEN ASKED TO IMPRESS ON THE U.S. AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS THE NEED FOR A QUICK FOLLOWUP TO KHRUSHCHEV'S CHRISTMAS DAY REPLY.

MACMILLAN REPORTEDLY WANTS THE FINAL DATE SETTLED BEFORE HE LEAVES NEXT WEEK ON A ONE-MONTH FLYING TOUR OF AFRICA.

MID-MAY IS A TIME DE GAULLE LONG HAS FAVORED. SOME WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES ARE BELIEVED ALSO TO FAVOR THE LATER DATE, ALTHOUGH GERMANY WILL NOT ATTEND.

STILL AHEAD MAY LIE SOME HARD BARGAINING ON DETAILS OF JUST WHAT THE U.S., BRITISH, FRENCH AND SOVIET LEADERS WILL TALK ABOUT.

BUT BRITISH DIPLOMATS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT KHRUSHCHEV, IN ACCEPTING THE WEST'S PROPOSALS FOR A SUMMIT MEETING, ALREADY HAD AGREED TO THE BROAD OUTLINES OF AN AGENDA.

THE WESTERN SUMMIT NOTES TO MOSCOW CARRIED WITH THEM DELIBERATELY VAGUE PROPOSALS FOR AN AGENDA. THESE WERE DISARMAMENT, EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND DIVIDED GERMANY, INCLUDING BERLIN.

KHRUSHCHEV WANTS THE U.S., BRITISH AND FRENCH GARRISONS TO GET OUT OF WEST BERLIN, WHICH THEN WOULD BECOME A FREE CITY. SOME BRITISH DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE NEGOTIATED AT THE SUMMIT IS SOME SORT OF TEMPORARY SETTLEMENT OF THE BERLIN ISSUE.

THE SOVIET PRESS, HOWEVER, IS INSISTING THAT DISARMAMENT IS THE FOREMOST ISSUE BEFORE THE WORLD. IT IMPLIES THAT THE SUMMIT SHOULD TAKE UP KHRUSHCHEV'S PLAN FOR TOTAL DISARMAMENT IN FOUR YEARS.

IN THE VIEW OF THE WEST, A BETTER FORUM FOR KHRUSHCHEV'S PLAN IS THE 10-NATION DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE, THE SOVIET UNION TODAY WAS REPORTED TO HAVE AGREED TO THE WEST'S SUGGESTION THAT THE DISARMAMENT TALKS OPEN IN GENEVA MARCH 15.

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TOKYO, DEC. 28 (AP)-COMMUNIST CHINA AGAIN SHARPLY QUESTIONED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S DESIRE FOR PEACE TODAY. BUT IT CONCEDED THE WEST'S ACCEPTANCE OF A SUMMIT MEETING WAS, "OF COURSE, A POSITIVE MOVE."

CONTINUING ITS RUNNING CRITICISM OF EISENHOWER'S GOODWILL TRIP, THE OFFICIAL PEIPING PEOPLE'S DAILY SAID:

"THE U.S. PRESIDENT TALKED A LOT OF PEACE, FOR IT WAS GENERALLY HOPED THAT HIS TRIP WOULD HELP EASE INTERNATIONAL TENSION. BUT WHILE TALKING MUCH OF PEACE, HE SPENT EVEN MORE TIME TALKING OF A POWERFUL MILITARY STRENGTH, OF STRONGER MILITARY BLOCS."

THE CHINESE REDS HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY THE ONLY COMMUNISTS TO TAKE THIS LINE TOWARD EISENHOWER'S TRIP. THE SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES HAILED IT AS A STEP TOWARD PEACE.

PEIPING'S MOUTHPIECE SAID ONLY COMMUNIST INSISTENCE AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION HAD FORCED THE WEST TO ACCEPT THE IDEA OF AN EAST-WEST SUMMIT MEETING.

"THIS IS AN IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR THE FORCES OF PEACE," THE BROADCAST COMMENTARY WENT ON, "FOR THE WHOLE WORLD UNANIMOUSLY DESIRES THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL."

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SECOND NIGHT LEAD EISENHOWER

BY DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

AUGUSTA, GA., DEC. 28 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SET UP TODAY WITH 14 OTHER TOP ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS A TUESDAY MORNING CONFERENCE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO WORK OUT AN EXTENSION OF THE U.S. MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS.

A DECISION MAY NOT BE ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY. BUT THE BAN COMES OFF AT MIDNIGHT THURSDAY UNLESS THERE IS ACTION IN THE INTERIM.

TWO CABINET MEMBERS, SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE THOMAS S. GATES JR., WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION FLYING IN FROM WASHINGTON AT 8 A.M., ALONG WITH CHAIRMAN JOHN A. MCCONE OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. GEN. NATHAN F. TWINING, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, WAS A LATE ADDITION TO THE LIST.

EISENHOWER'S PRESS SPOKESMAN SAID A REPORT IN WASHINGTON IS NOT ACCURATE THAT THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION OF RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS FOR COMPLETE DISARMAMENT IN FOUR YEARS.

EISENHOWER HAD HERTER ON THE TELEPHONE TODAY ON ANOTHER MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORT--A NEW DATE FOR AN EAST-WEST SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY SAID A DATE STILL IS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE BUT THAT MID-MAY, PROBABLY MAY 16, IS AGREEABLE TO THE PRESIDENT. THE WESTERN ALLIES ORIGINALLY HAD SUGGESTED APRIL 27. THAT WOULD SET UP A CONFLICT WITH THE SOVIET MAY DAY CELEBRATION, SO PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV TURNED IT DOWN.

THE FIXING OF A NEW SUMMIT DATE AND AN EXPECTED DECISION ON EXTENDING THE 14-MONTH-OLD BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTS WERE THE MAJOR ITEMS OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMANDING EISENHOWER'S ATTENTION AT THE OUTSET OF A WEEK OF WORK AND RELAXATION IN THE SOUTH.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS VACATIONING FOR THE 25TH TIME AT AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB. HE WAS ON THE COURSE FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW, IN MUGGY WEATHER WITH THE THERMOMETER IN THE LOW 70S.

HAGERTY WOULDN'T SAY RIGHT OUT THAT TOMORROW'S CONFERENCE WILL COVER THE POSSIBLE RETENTION OF THE MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR TESTS. BUT THE LANGUAGE HE USED WAS BROAD ENOUGH TO ENCOMPASS THIS TOPIC.

"THE GROUP IS COMING DOWN," HE SAID, "FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND DEFENSE FIELDS, INCLUDING THE

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NUCLEAR PROGRAM FOR 1960. THEY WILL HAVE A DISCUSSION OF THE GENERAL COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON AT GENEVA."

SOVIET AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS AT GENEVA HAVE BEEN SPARRING OVER THE ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING AN ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION SYSTEM TO MAKE SURE THAT NATIONS WOULD HONOR A PERMANENT PLEDGE TO HALT NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS.

IN ADDITION TO HERTER, GATES AND MCCONE, THESE OTHER OFFICIALS ARE SLATED TO FLY TO AUGUSTA TOMORROW:

FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, UNDERSECRETARY DOUGLAS DILLON AND PHILIP FARLEY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO HERTER.

FROM THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, ~~JOHN N. IRWIN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS~~, AND MAJ. GEN. (RET.) HERBERT LOPER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO GATES FOR ATOMIC ENERGY.

FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, GORDON GRAY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO EISENHOWER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF, STAFF SECRETARY ANDREW J. GOODPASTER AND DR. GEORGE KISTIAWKOWSKY, SCIENCE ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT.

ADDED TO THE CONFEREES LATER IN THE DAY WERE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, GEN. CHARLES P. CABELL, AND TWO EXPERTS ON THE NUCLEAR TESTING ISSUE, JAMES P. WADSWORTH AND DR. JAMES B. FISK.

WADSWORTH REPRESENTS THE UNITED STATES IN ANY INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT AND ALSO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. DELEGATION DEALING AT GENEVA WITH THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR TESTING.

FISK IS CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WHICH DEALS WITH THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF TESTS.

IN RESPONSE TO ASSORTED QUESTIONS, HAGERTY TOLD REPORTERS THAT:

"IT IS UNLIKELY THE PRESIDENT WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE ON THE STEEL DISPUTE WHILE HE IS IN AUGUSTA.

HE HOPES TO HAVE WORD SOON ON WHEN EISENHOWER WILL HOLD HIS CUSTOMARY PRE-SESSION BRIEFINGS ON HIS PROGRAM WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN CALLED IN ONLY FOR THE FOREIGN POLICY PORTION IN THE PAST.

HAGERTY ALSO HOPES TO KNOW FAIRLY SOON THE DATES WHEN EISENHOWER'S STATE OF THE UNION, BUDGET AND ECONOMIC MESSAGES WILL GO TO CONGRESS.

HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT EISENHOWER WOULD GO ON FROM PARIS TO VISIT RUSSIA AND MOSCOW AFTER THE PROJECTED SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

THE PRESIDENT FINISHED 18 HOLES OF GOLF BEFORE RAIN SET IN, THEN SPENT THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON "TAKING IT EASY," WITH A NAP AND A BIT OF BRIDGE.

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EISENSTADT, AUSTRIA, DEC. 28 (AP)-FOUR HUNGARIANS, INCLUDING TWO FRONTIER GUARDS, FLED TO AUSTRIA FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM OVER THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND.

IT WAS THE BIGGEST "LEAKAGE" THROUGH THE COMMUNIST-FORTIFIED FRONTIER IN MONTHS, AUSTRIAN BORDER POLICE HERE SAID.

THE TWO DEFECTING SOLDIERS, BOTH 22 AND GUARDS ON ONE OF THE FRONTIER WATCH TOWERS, CAME OVER IN FULL UNIFORM BUT SAID THEY THREW THEIR WEAPONS AWAY BEFORE CROSSING THE BORDER.

THEY SAID THEY FLED BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM AS ROMAN CATHOLICS AND DISSATISFACTION WITH POOR LIVING STANDARDS.

THE OTHER REFUGEE PAIR WERE YOUNG APPRENTICE WORKERS WHO SAID THEY FLED BECAUSE OF POOR LIVING CONDITIONS. THEY SAID THEY WANTED TO EMIGRATE TO BELGIUM.

THE SOLDIERS WERE TAKEN INTO TEMPORARY POLICE CUSTODY, AND THE YOUNG WORKERS WERE SENT TO A REFUGEE CAMP.

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BY FRED SAITO

TOKYO, DEC. 28 (AP)-FORMER JAPANESE SUBMARINE OFFICERS EXPRESSED DOUBT TODAY THAT A JAPANESE SUBMARINE WAS SUNK OFF LOS ANGELES HARBOR IN WORLD WAR II.

THE CLAIM OF AMERICAN DIVER BOB BELL THAT HE HAD FOUND THE HULK OF A JAPANAESE SUB IN 60 FEET OF WATER NEAR THE LOS ANGELES BREAKWATER SENT NAVAL SOURCES HERE SCOURING RECORDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JAPANESE NAVY'S HISTORY SECTION SAID, "WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY JAPANESE SUBMARINES LOST IN THAT AREA."

THE JAPANESE DISABLED VETERANS ASSN. REPORTED THE IMPERIAL NAVY RECORDS SHOWED NO SUBMARINES LOST NEAR LOS ANGELES "THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE ANNALS OF THE PACIFIC WAR."

THE U.S. NAVY ANNOUNCED CHRISTMAS DAY, 1941, THAT A JAPANESE SUB HAD BEEN SUNK OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST BUT DID NOT GIVE THE EXACT LOCATION. ON CHRISTMAS EVE A SUBMARINE TORPEDOED A LUMBER SCHOONER JUST OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES HARBOR, SURFACED AND THEN SUBMERGED AGAIN UNDER DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK BY U.S. PLANES AND SHIPS.

FORMER CMDR. MOCHITSURA HASHIMOTO OF THE IMPERIAL NAVY TOLD A REPORTER "THE JAPANESE SUB WHICH ATTACKED LOS ANGELES IN THAT PERIOD RETURNED SAFELY.

"TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF OUR SUBS WAS SUNK NEAR LOS ANGELES."

BELL SAID HE HAD FOUND A BOOK WHICH SAID THE JAPANESE SUBMARINE SAKURI WENT DOWN OFF LOS ANGELES IN 1941. BUT JAPANESE NAVAL SOURCES SAID THAT THEIR SUBMARINES DID NOT HAVE NAMES, ONLY IDENTIFYING LETTERS AND NUMBERS.

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TOKYO, TUESDAY, DEC. 29 (AP)-UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF ITS CORRESPONDENTS, A 25-YEAR-OLD CHINESE, HAS BEEN MISSING IN COMMUNIST CHINA SINCE LAST JULY AND PRESUMABLY IS BEING DETAINED BY THE RED CHINESE.

THE AMERICAN AGENCY SAID IT HAS HAD NO WORD FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS FROM YIM YUEN-LO, KNOWN AS BILL YIM. HE TRAVELED FROM HONG KONG TO RED CHINA ON A UPI ASSIGNMENT LAST JULY 19.

NEWS OF YIM'S DISAPPEARANCE WAS WITHHELD UNTIL ALL EFFORTS TO DETERMINE HIS STATUS, INCLUDING INQUIRIES MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND DIRECT CABLES TO THE PEIPING GOVERNMENT, HAD FAILED, UPI SAID.

YIM, A SHANGHAI-BORN NEWSMAN OF CHINESE NATIONALITY, HAD LIVED IN THE BRITISH COLONY OF HONG KONG SINCE HE WAS 3 YEARS OLD.

UPI SAID YIM WAS ASSIGNED TO TRAVEL IN JULY BY TRAIN TO CANTON, 80 MILES FROM HONG KONG, TO INTERVIEW WILLIAM DOWNEY, AN AMERICAN WHO HAD PERMISSION TO VISIT COMMUNIST CHINA AT THE TIME TO SEE HIS BROTHER, JOHN DOWNEY. JOHN DOWNEY IS ONE OF FIVE U.S. CITIZENS HELD IN CAPTIVITY BY THE PEIPING REGIME.

ERNEST HOBERECHT, UPI VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF THE AGENCY'S OPERATIONS IN ASIA, SAID YIM'S TRIP WAS ARRANGED WITH AN OFFICIAL RED CHINA TRAVEL AGENCY AND THAT IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD HE WAS A NEWSMAN ON ASSIGNMENT.

HE ENTERED RED CHINA WITH A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, THE USUAL TRAVEL DOCUMENT CARRIED BY HONG KONG CHINESE WHO ARE NOT BRITISH SUBJECTS.

HOBERECHT SAID YIM SMUGGLED OUT A MESSAGE WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO THE AGENCY IN HONG KONG JULY 22 SAYING "TELL BOSS UPI CAN'T LEAVE FOR AWHILE." THAT WAS THE LAST WORD RECEIVED FROM HIM. HE DID NOT SUCCEED IN INTERVIEWING WILLIAM DOWNEY.

YIM HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY UPI SINCE LAST APRIL. PREVIOUSLY HE HAD WORKED FOR TWO YEARS FOR REUTERS.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATED THE ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES TODAY AT 2,500,817.

THE ESTIMATE, AS OF NOV. 30, IS AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 6,000 PRINCIPALLY IN ARMY STRENGTH FROM THE LEVEL OF A MONTH EARLIER.

ESTIMATES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICES WERE: ARMY 878,811; NAVY 616,598; MARINE CORPS 172,668; AIR FORCE 832,740.

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KHRUSHCHEV-TRRES ASKED (130)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TODAY DENIED THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SENT A GIFT OF TREES TO SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV.

THE SPECIAL PLANE WHICH FLEW GIFT TREES FROM KHRUSHCHEV TO EISENHOWER EARLIER THIS MONTH HAD SOME AMERICAN TREES ON BOARD WHEN IT RETURNED TO THE SOVIET CAPITAL, OFFICIALS SAID.

BUT THEY SAID THESE TREES, TWO OR THREE DOGWOODS, WERE SENT AS REPLACEMENTS FOR TREES SENT EARLIER TO MOSCOW WHICH DIED.

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON, WHEN HE VISITED THE SOVIET UNION LAST JULY, TOOK WITH HIM SOME DOGWOODS , A TREE WHICH DOES NOT GROW IN THE SOVIET UNION. SOME OF THESE TREES DIED EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT THOUGHT THE PRESENCE OF THE SOVIET PLANE IN THE UNITED STATES AFFORDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SEND REPLACEMENTS.

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